



A Newsletter from St John's Business & Enterprise College

Odhran finishes runner-up in competition to name new waste management project



Odhran is pictured with Councillor Paddy McGowan, Chairman of Omagh District Council and Anthea Owens, Recycling Officer for Omagh District Council

Odhran Teague from St John's Business and Enterprise College, Dromore has finished runner-up in a prestigious schools' competition to create the name for a new multi-million pound Waste Management Project in the Southern Region of Northern Ireland.

SWaMP2008 (The Southern Waste Management Partnership) is a partnership of eight district councils* which are embarking on the project to develop new waste management facilities in the region. The competition was aimed at Increasing schoolchildren's knowledge of environmental and recycling issues and the impact that waste has on the environment. Essential new infrastructure is being commissioned to help the local communities in the southern region to maximise their recycling and to dramatically reduce the amount of waste sent to landfill.

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SCHOOL CLOSURES

Halloween Holidays

Thursday 29th to Monday 2nd November 2009 (inclusive)

Christmas Holidays

Wednesday 23rd – Tuesday 5th January 2009 (inclusive)



Odhran faced stiff competition from over 230 entries to finish runner-up with his easily recognisable and original 'Swampenator' project name and his detailed description on how it will help encourage people to take responsibility for their waste. For finishing runner-up in the competition Odhran was presented with a certificate of appreciation and a selection of environmental goodies including a fair trade football, drumstick pencils and rescued paper notepad.

Councillor Charles Rollston, Chair of the Joint Committee of SWaMP2008 said: "The quality of entries we received for the naming competition was tremendous. Local students developed a wide range of creative original ideas that made shortlisting the winners a very difficult decision. The judging panel were really impressed with Odhran's suggestion of Swampenator as it emphasises exactly what we are trying to achieve in building a brighter future from waste. It is time for everyone in this region to take action now to minimise our impact on the environment."

"The new Waste Management Project will have a positive impact to the SWaMP2008 region and we hope that, by providing local young people with the opportunity to become involved in it at the beginning, they will not only have a sense of ownership of the project, but also gain an understanding of the importance of managing our waste in a safe and sustainable manner."

SWaMP2008 is a voluntary grouping of eight district Councils located within the southern region of Northern Ireland. The organisation was set-up to create a more sustainable and cost effective way for these Councils to collectively manage household waste.

Shoe Box Appeal 2009



Miss Latimer and the Year 9 students are taking part in the Shoe Box Appeal 2009. This year we would greatly appreciate your help by donating items for the shoe boxes such as pencils, pens, soap, shampoo, brushes, hats, scarves, small toys, gloves, face clothes, colouring books etc.

Please donate any of the above items into the school office as soon as possible as Year 9 are **keen to get started**.

NORTHERN IRELAND FIRE SERVICE VISIT THE SCHOOL



On Friday two local firemen, Enda McAleer and Seamus Bradley, came to the school and gave the students a talk on the Northern Ireland Fire Brigade safety guidelines for bonfires. Students had the opportunity to try on the firesuits as well as use the breathing apparatus.

FIRST POTATO PICKINGS FROM OUR GARDEN!

Students Peter Teague, Dean O'Neill, Tiernan Sludden and Conor McGurren pictured with the first crop of potatoes from our new garden at the rear of the Science Building.



St. John's Fashion and Variety Show

on Thursday

10th of December 2009

in St. John's Business and Enterprise College

At 7.30pm

All Welcome – Tickets on sale soon!!

WELCOME TO OUR NEW YEAR 8 STUDENTS



8A1 Front Row: Tiernan Gallagher, Damien Kelly, Cathy Teague

Next Row: Megan Mc Brearty, Ryan Goulding, Sinead Hannigan, Shannon Barrett, Eamon Quinn, Frances Donnelly, Caolan mc Kenna, Dermott Logue

Back Row: Lauren Chadwick, Marian Mulholland, Gavin Teague, Hannah Callaghan, Niall Mc Ginn, Cahir Mc Govern, Mr. David Nelson (**Form Teacher**)



8A2 Front Row: Eoghan Teague, Shane Mc Coole, Mrs. Mary Nugent (**Form Teacher**), Demi Harkin

Middle Row: Micheala mc Kenna, Gabhan Mc Cusker, Barry Gray, Leigh Palmer

Back Row: Zoe Murray, Courtney Mullan, Laura Mc Cann

WELCOME TO OUR NEW STAFF



In September we welcomed Miss Clodagh Campbell (Music), Miss Leona O'Neill (Drama) and Mr. David Nelson (Religion & English) to St. John's.

MATHS WEEK

Monday 12th October to Friday 16th October was the commencement of Maths Week in Ireland. On Thursday 15th October, the Mathematics department at St John's organised a fun filled Maths Table Quiz for all year 8 and 9 pupils. The quiz consisted of many rounds involving maths and number and even Celebrity Mathematicians!! A fun afternoon was had by all and congratulations to the winning team. The winning team were Gabrielle O'Reilly (Yr9), Chelsea Leigh McKenna (Yr9), Shannon Barrett (Yr8) and Megan Mc Brearty (Yr 8). Well done girls!!



The Let Programme

On Monday 19th October a group of Year 9 students set off on their first LET programme residential. The students are Ciara McCarney, Niamh Campbell, Kirby Mullan, Gabrielle O'Reilly, Deirbhla McNulty, Maurice McCloughan, Rhys McCaffrey, Kieron Corey, Cathal McGoldrick and Gerald Murphy. The students were staying in Portneal Lodge in Kilrea and they got the opportunity to take part in some fantastic activities such as Laserquest, kayaking and raft building. A fantastic time was had by all.



NEWS JUST IN!!

Congratulations to Melissa McCann 10A1 who has won joint third place in the World Mental Health Day Poster Competition. Melissa will be collecting her prize at Magee College in Derry on Thursday 29th October. Well done! Photographs in our next edition.

YEAR 8 STUDENTS COOKING UP A STORM!!

Year 8 have been working really hard this term in home economics. They have had lots of time to get used to working in the home economics room and have been able to make their own home made pizzas.

Keep up the good work Year 8!



Ryan Goulding and Cahir McGovern showing off their pizzas.



Eoghan Teague adding the finishing touches to his pizza!



Look at our perfect pizzas!
Sinead Hannigan and Megan McBrearty

Coffee Morning and Christmas Fair



on
Saturday 28th of November 2009
in
St. John's Business and Enterprise College
from

10.30am to 1.30pm.



DRINK & DRUGS AWARENESS TALK

Year 10 students travelled to Omagh Leisure Centre to a roadshow on Drink & Drug Awareness and Community Policing. The afternoon was attended by other schools from the Omagh area. The students enjoyed the visit and they are now a lot more aware of the difficulties and problems that young people face.



KEY PROGRAMME



On the 5th October, the Year 11's set off with Miss Bradley for their first Residential for the Key Programme. It was held in the Old Rectory Centre in Kilcronaghan, Co. Derry.

The students participated in a number of outdoor activities including archery and wall climbing. They were also involved in a number of ice-breaker activities to enhance their enterprise skills. Everyone had a great time and the countdown has begun to the next residential.



Cathoir McElholm shows off his skills



Emma Corey takes a shot at Archery.



The girls take on the climbing wall.

Work Experience in St. John's - September 2009

From September 14th - 18th our Year 12 pupils and from September 21st - 25th our year 11 pupils were on their work experience in the local community. They found it an invaluable insight into their working futures. They learnt many new skills like working with others and problem solving. It was a great opportunity to get a feel of the work in their chosen career. Below are some of the photos from Work Experience - more in our next edition.



Sharing Education

The Sharing Education Programme is now in its third year. Students from the local primary schools are invited into St John's College to experience an 8 week programme of activities in Music, Drama, Physical Education and Art and Design. Through the programme the schools avail of both the facilities and teacher expertise. It is also an opportunity for the different primary schools to work together and make new friends. There are three new schools involved this year, Drumlish PS, St Dymnys PS and Denamona PS. They will be working alongside Dromore PS, St Josephs PS, Langfield PS, St Marcartans PS, Lack PS, Drumlish PS Tummery PS.



SCIENCE DEPARTMENT POEM COMPETITION

An Autumn Walk

Red, yellow, green and brown
Are the colours of the ground.
When you skip through the leaves
On your face you feel the breeze.

When you walk on the leaves
They crackle like a burning fire.
When you kick them in the air
They are something you admire.

Shhhh! Don't make a sound
Just look around.
The squirrels are collecting nuts and berries
And all the rabbits are very merry.



By Hannah Callaghan

Congratulations to all
the students who
took part.

The winners were

1st Hannah Callaghan

2nd Caolan McKenna

3rd Eamon Quinn

3rd Eoghan Teague

Commendation

Cathy Teague

Sinead Hannigan

Leigh Palmer

Niall McGinn

My Tree Poem

*Peter the Cedar was a
mighty tree he had Hazel
eyes and Maple knees,*

*His buddy Oak was
a popular bloke with
Plain hair and a
Lime coloured coat.*



By Caolan McKenna

YOUNG ENTERPRISE CORNER

On the 13th of October, Amanda from Young Enterprise delivered a programme entitled "Learn to Earn" in St. John's B&E College. It will help students to understand the link between education and their future success and happiness in work and life.



Keeley and Megan enjoying the discussion with Amanda



The lads deep in thought about their dream job!



The 2 Emma's working well!



Shannon reading up on some advice from the job booklet!



The "Your School Your Business" Programme - Year 8

On Friday the 2nd of October, Young Enterprise delivered a programme to Year 8. Young Enterprise focuses on inspiring and equipping young people to learn and succeed through enterprise. During the time Year 8 focused on how school helps us to develop looking at our interests and goals and how to launch a new business and a new product. They all experienced how a business works and how important their roles would be in a business. There were prizes given from Young Enterprise to those students who excelled themselves by working hard in their groups and communicating effectively.

